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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

BRIAN STUART, an individual, a
California resident,

Plaintiff,

v.

BOT HOME AUTOMATION, INC., a
Delaware corporation, dba, RING.COM,
and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO:

CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT FOR:

- 1) Intentional Misclassification
(Lab. Code § 226.8)**
- 2) Failure to Pay Hourly Wages
(Lab. Code, §200-204, 1194;
IWC Wage Orders)**
- 3) Failure to Pay Overtime Wages
(Lab. Code, §200-204, 1194;
IWC Wage Orders)**
- 4) Failure to Provide Meal Periods
or Compensation in Lieu
Thereof (Lab. Code § 226.7;
IWC Wage Orders)**

- 5) **Failure to Provide Rest Periods or Compensation in Lieu Thereof (Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512; IWC Wage Orders)**
- 6) **Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses (Lab. Code § 2802)**
- 7) **Failure to Timely Pay Wages Due at Termination (Lab. Code, §§ 201-203)**
- 8) **Knowing and Intentional Failure to Provide Itemized Employee Wage Statement (Lab. Code, § 226 (a))**
- 9) **Violations of the Unfair Competition Law (Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 17200)**
- 10) **Violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act (“FLSA,” 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq.)**

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff Brian Stuart (“Plaintiff”), by and through his attorneys, brings this action against Bot Home Automation, Inc., a Delaware corporation, doing business as Ring.com, and Does 1 through 10, inclusive (“Defendants” or “Ring.com”). Plaintiff hereby alleges, on information and belief, including information based on personal knowledge, which is likely to have additional evidentiary support after further investigation and discovery, as follows:

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I.

INTRODUCTION

1. This case is a proposed labor class action brought on behalf of Plaintiff against his former employer, Defendants Bot Home Automation, Inc., a Delaware corporation, doing business as Ring.Com, and Does 1 through 10 (collectively “Defendants” or “Ring.com.”)

2. This case arises from Ring.com’s misclassification of Plaintiff, and others like him, as exempt from hourly wages and overtime, and the resulting failure by Ring.com to pay Plaintiff for all hours worked, or to otherwise provide to Plaintiff and others like him the basic employment rights and protections he and other Ring.com employees are entitled to in California. Defendants failed to pay Plaintiff compensable wages for time worked and/or subject to Defendants’ control, and failed to pay the requisite amount of straight-time wages, alternative minimum wages, overtime, and/or double-time wages for all time worked. Defendants also failed to provide Plaintiff with uninterrupted and duty free meal and rest periods.

3. Plaintiff alleges he, and approximately 20 to 25 other inside sales employees of Ring.com, were given misleading job titles which indicated supervisory roles such as managers or directors. Ring.com misclassified its inside salespeople as exempt independent contractors.

4. Plaintiff also seeks a PAGA penalty to be paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA).

1 Defendants are legally responsible for the wrongful conduct alleged herein, and
2 therefore sues these Defendants by such fictitious names. Plaintiff will amend this
3 complaint when their true names and capabilities are ascertained.
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5 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each
6 Defendant, directly or indirectly, or through agents or other persons, employed
7 Plaintiff and exercised control over his wages, hours, and working conditions.
8 Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that each Defendant
9 acted in all respects pertinent to this action as the agent of the other Defendants,
10 carried out a joint scheme, business plan, or policy, and the acts of each Defendant is
11 legally attributable to the other Defendants.
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14 III.

15 GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

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17 10. Plaintiff was an inside sales person for Ring.com. Plaintiff was
18 classified by Ring.com as an exempt “National Sales Manager” or “National Channel
19 Sales Manager.” Plaintiff’s job title with Ring.com misrepresents Plaintiff’s actual
20 duties. Plaintiff was not exempt, and Plaintiff should have been paid hourly, plus
21 overtime, for performing non-exempt inside sales work for Ring.com.
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23 11. Defendants misclassified Ring.com other inside sales personnel with job
24 titles containing words such as “manager,” “director,” or similar supervisory sounding
25 job titles to create the appearance that these Ring.com employees held positions which
26 should be classified as exempt. In reality, each of these employees performed inside
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1 sales work as Plaintiff did and none were supervisors or managers for Ring.com.

2 12. Plaintiff alleges that he and others like him were intentionally
3 misclassified by Ring.com in violation of Labor Code section 226.8.
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5 13. Defendants failed to pay wages, including overtime, and failed to
6 reimburse Plaintiff and others like him for business expenses, including expenses
7 related to working booths at Ring.com expos. Plaintiff worked Ring.com expo
8 booths, where Ring.com promoted and marketed the Ring.com brand. Between
9 August and November 2016, Plaintiff went to two expos: one in Dallas, Texas, in
10 September 2016, and one in Orange County, California, in October 2016. Plaintiff
11 worked long hours at the expos, and is owed unpaid wages and overtime for this
12 work.
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15 14. The sales and marketing work that Plaintiff and others like him were
16 engaged at the expos was non-exempt. Plaintiff is entitled to regular pay, plus
17 overtime pay for each overtime hour worked traveling to, from, and working during
18 Ring.com expos.
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21 15. Plaintiff and the Ring.com other inside sales employees and were
22 managed by the Director of Sales, the Senior Director of Channel Sales, and the VP of
23 Sales, who were Plaintiff's supervisors.
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25 16. Plaintiff alleges his Ring.com supervisors oversaw, directed, and
26 supervised a 20 to 25 person inside sales team, composed of employees who were
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1 each misclassified, including Plaintiff, at the Ring.com sales office, in Santa Monica,
2 California.

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4 17. Ring.com's inside sales team was nearly 100% engaged in inside sales.
5 The inside sales team included, but was not limited to the following job titles:
6 "National Sales Manager," "National Channel Sales Manager," "Sales Manager,"
7 "Sales Coordinator," "Account Manager," "Project Manager," "Community
8 Engagement Manager," and "Marketing Manager." The inside sales team spent
9 approximately 80% of their time doing sales by telephone ("tele-sales") and 20% of
10 their time performing email sales for Ring.com.
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13 18. Plaintiff was not subject to an exemption for executive, administrative,
14 and professional employees, or any other managerial exemption under California law.
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16 19. Defendants' pay policies as alleged herein resulted in a failure to pay all
17 wages due for compensable work or work time wherein Plaintiff remained subject to
18 his employer's control. This policy and practice therefore violated California Labor
19 Code section 200-202, Labor Code section 1194, and California Industrial Wage
20 Commission (IWC) Wage Order 4-2001.
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22 20. As a result of the Defendants' pay policies, Defendants failed to provide
23 accurate, itemized wage statements to Plaintiff as required by Labor Code section 226.
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25 21. Defendants failed to pay all wages owed Plaintiff as required by Labor
26 Code section 203. This claim results from Defendants' failure to pay premium wages
27 for missed, late, interrupted or short break periods under Labor Code section 226.7,
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1 and corresponding IWC Wage Order 4-2001.

2 22. The claims for which restitution are owed relate to unpaid wages for late
3 and interrupted meal periods.
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5 22. Plaintiff reserves the right to amend the complaint.

6 **IV.**
7 **CLASS ALLEGATIONS**

8 23. This action is brought and may properly be maintained as a class action
9 pursuant to the provisions of F.R.C.P., Rule 23
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11 24. There is a well-defined community of interest in the litigation and the
12 class is ascertainable.

13 **A. Numerosity:** The class is so numerous that individual joinder of all
14 members is impractical under the circumstances of this case.
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16 **B. Common Questions Predominate:** Common questions of law and fact
17 exist as to all class members, and predominate over any questions that affect only
18 individual members of the class. The common questions of law and fact include, but
19 are not limited to:
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21 (A) What were and are the policies, programs, practices, procedures
22 and protocols of Defendants regarding the class members' actual works
23 and tasks and their job duties irrespective of job titles;
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25 (B) Whether Defendants are and were subject to overtime
26 requirements contained in the California IWC Wage Orders and other
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1 California law with respect to the class members pursuant to Labor Code
2 section 510, and Wage Order, No.4-2001 for the period commencing
3 four years prior to the date of the filing of this Complaint and continuing
4 through the date of judgment;
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6 (C) Whether Defendants' policy and practice of classifying class
7 members as exempt under California law and Defendants' policy and
8 practice of failing to pay overtime to the California class members
9 violate applicable provisions of California law, including applicable
10 statutory and regulatory authority;
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13 (D) Whether Defendants unlawfully failed to pay overtime
14 compensation in violation of the California Unfair Competition Law,
15 Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §17200 et seq., and the California Labor Code
16 and related regulations, Cal. Labor Code §§ 201, 202, 203, 226, 510,
17 1174, 1174.5 and 1194, the applicable Cal. Wage Orders;
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19 (E) Whether Defendants violated California law by their policies,
20 programs practices, procedures and protocols regarding rest period for
21 the class members;
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23 (F) What were and are the policies, programs, practices, procedures
24 and protocols of Defendants regarding furnishing the class members,
25 upon payment of wages, itemized statements required by Labor Code
26 section 226;
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1 (G) Whether Defendants violated California law by their policies,
2 programs, procedures and protocols regarding furnishing to the class
3 members, upon each payment of wages, itemized statements required by
4 Labor Code section 226;
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6 (H) Whether Defendants violated Business & Professions Code
7 sections 17200 et seq., by their policies, programs, practices, procedures
8 and conduct referred to in this cause of action;
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10 (I) Whether Defendants obtained voluntarily waivers with consent
11 and full disclosure, and whether a written signed waiver is effective as to
12 all future meal and rest periods;
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14 (J) The proper measure of damages sustained and the proper measure
15 of restitution recoverable by members of the proposed class; and
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17 (K) Additional common questions of law and fact may develop as the
18 litigation progresses.
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20 **C. Typicality:** Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of class
21 members. Plaintiff and other class members sustained losses, injuries and damages
22 arising out of the Defendants' common policies, programs, practices, procedures, and
23 course of conduct referred to in each cause of action and throughout this Complaint,
24 which were applied uniformly to the class members as well as Plaintiff. Plaintiff seek
25 recoveries for the same type of losses, injuries, and damages as were suffered by the
26 other class members as well as Plaintiff.
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1 **D. Adequacy:** Plaintiff and his counsel will fairly and adequately protect
2 the interests of the class members. Plaintiff have no interest that is adverse to the
3 interests of the other class members.
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5 **E. Superiority:** A class action is superior to other available means for the
6 fair and efficient adjudication of this controversy. Individual joinder of all class
7 members is impractical. Class action treatment will permit a large number of
8 similarly situated persons to prosecute their common claims in a single forum
9 simultaneously, efficiently, and without the unnecessary duplication of effort and
10 expense that numerous individual actions engender. Also, because the losses, injuries
11 and damages suffered by each of the individual class members are small in the sense
12 pertinent to class action analysis, the expenses and burden of individual litigation
13 would make it extremely difficult or impossible for the individual class members to
14 redress the wrongs done to them. On the other hand, important public interests will be
15 served by addressing the matter as a class action. The cost to the court system and the
16 public of adjudication of individual litigation and claims would be substantial, and
17 substantially more than if the claims are treated as class action. Individual litigation
18 and claims would also present the potential for inconsistent or contradictory results.
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23 **F. Public Policy Considerations:** Defendants and other employers
24 throughout the state violate wage and hour laws. Their current employees are often
25 afraid to assert their rights out of fear of direct or indirect retaliation. Their former
26 employees are fearful of bringing claims because doing so can harm their employment
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1 and future employment and future efforts to secure employment. class actions
2 provide class members who are not named in the complaint a degree of anonymity
3 that allows for vindication of their rights while eliminating these risks, or at least
4 enormously reducing them.
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6 **V.**

7 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

8 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

9 **Intentional Misclassification**
10 **(Lab. Code § 226.8)**

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12 25. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
13 foregoing paragraphs as if set forth herein.
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15 26. Labor Code section 226.8 makes it unlawful to willfully misclassify
16 employees as independent contractors. California employers cannot voluntarily and
17 knowingly misclassify an individual as an independent contractor.
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19 27. Ring.com's misclassification of its drivers as independent contractors is
20 not "well-reasoned" or done in "good faith." Plaintiff alleges misclassification
21 constitutes a pattern and practice of violating the law.
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23 28. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.
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25 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

26 **Failure to Pay Hourly Wages**
27 **(Lab. Code, §200-204, 1194; IWC Wage Orders)**

28 29. By failure to pay straight time wages as alleged above, Defendants

1 willfully violated the provisions of Labor Code section 204. By failing to pay for all
2 compensable work time, including for any break periods where Plaintiff ought to be
3 free from Defendants' control and premises, Defendants willfully violated the
4 provisions of Labor Code sections 204 and 1194.
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6 30. California law requires employers, such as Defendants, to pay
7 compensation to all non-exempt employees for all hours caused or suffered to work,
8 including waiting time for activities required by the employer.
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10 31. Plaintiff was entitled to be paid compensation for all hours worked and
11 all hours subject to the Defendants' control.
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13 32. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct,
14 Plaintiff sustained damages, including loss of compensation for straight time worked
15 on behalf of Defendants in an amount to be established at trial, prejudgment interest,
16 and attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.
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18 33. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.
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20 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Failure to Pay Overtime Wages** 22 **(Lab. Code, §200-204, 1194; IWC Wage Orders)**

23 34. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
24 foregoing paragraphs as if set forth herein.
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26 35. Defendants illegally failed to pay overtime wages, and in so doing,
27 Defendants willfully violated the provisions of Labor Code sections 510 and 1194,
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IWC Wage Orders, and California Code of regulations, Title 8, section 11160(3).

36. California law requires employers to pay overtime compensation to all non-exempt employees for all hours worked over eight in a day or forty per week and over twelve in a day for double-time.

37. As a direct and proximate result of Defendants' unlawful conduct, Plaintiff has sustained damages, including loss of compensation for overtime worked on behalf of Defendants in an amount to be established at trial, prejudgment interest, and attorneys' fees and costs, pursuant to statute and other applicable law.

38. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.

FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION

Failure to Provide Meal Periods or Compensation in Lieu Thereof (Lab. Code § 226.7; IWC Wage Orders)

39. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the foregoing paragraphs as if set forth herein.

40. By failing to authorize and permit statutory meal periods, and by failing to provide compensation for these meal periods, as alleged above, Defendants willfully violated the provisions of Labor Code sections 226.7 and 512, IWC Wage Orders, and California Code of Regulations, section 11160.

41. As a result of the unlawful acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has been deprived of meal periods, premium wages, and/or other compensation in amounts to be determined at trial, and is entitled to recovery of such amounts, plus interest,

1 attorneys' fees, and costs.

2 42. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.

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4 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

5 **Failure to Provide Rest Periods or Compensation in Lieu Thereof**
6 **(Lab. Code §§ 226.7, 512; IWC Wage Orders)**

7 43. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
8 foregoing paragraphs as if set forth herein.

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10 44. By failing to authorize and permit rest periods, and by failing to provide
11 compensation for these rest periods, as alleged above, Defendants willfully violated
12 the provisions of Labor Code section 226.7.

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14 45. As a result of the unlawful acts of Defendants, Plaintiff has been
15 deprived of rest periods, premium wages, and/or other compensation in amounts to be
16 determined at trial, and is entitled to recovery of such amounts, plus interest,
17 attorneys' fees, and costs.

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19 46. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.

20 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **Failure to Reimburse Business Expenses**
22 **(Lab. Code § 2802)**

23 47. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
24 foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

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26 48. Defendants failed to reimburse Plaintiff for expenses in violation of
27 California Labor Code Section 2802, including expenses for the Ring.com expos.
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1 49. Ring.com misclassifies employees as non-exempt, and fails to reimburse
2 them for expenses that should be borne by their employer, which constitutes a
3 violation of California Labor Code Section 2802.
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5 50. In failing to reimburse Plaintiff for expenses paid, Defendants caused
6 hardship to Plaintiff by reaping economic gain at Plaintiff's expense, in disregard of
7 Plaintiff's statutory and regulatory rights.
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9 51. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.
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11 **SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

12 **Failure to Timely Pay Wages Due at Termination**
13 **(Lab. Code, §§ 201-203)**

14 52. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
15 foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

16 53. California Labor Code section 203 provides that if an employer willfully
17 fails to timely pay wages, the employer must continue to pay the subject employee's
18 wages until the back wages are paid in full or an action is commenced, up to a
19 maximum of thirty days of wages.
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21 54. More than thirty days have passed since Plaintiff's employment ended.
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23 55. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereupon alleges, that
24 Defendants purposefully engaged in a common scheme and design to deprive
25 employees of their full wages and benefits under California law by failing to pay for
26 all travel time, and failing to pay all hours over eight (8) in a day and over forty (40)
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1 in a workweek at the overtime rate of pay, and all hours over twelve (12) in a day at
2 the double-time rate of pay.

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4 56. As a consequence of Defendants' willful conduct in not paying
5 compensation for all hours worked, Plaintiff was entitled to thirty days' wages under
6 Labor Code section 203, together with interest and attorneys' fees and costs.

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8 57. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.

9 **EIGHTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

10 **Knowing and Intentional Failure to Provide**
11 **Itemized Employee Wage Statements**
12 **(Lab. Code, § 226 (a))**

13 58. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
14 foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

15 59. Defendants knowingly and intentionally failed to provide timely,
16 accurate, itemized wage statements including, hours worked, to Plaintiff in
17 accordance with Labor Code section 226(a) and applicable IWC Wage Orders. Such
18 failure caused injury to Plaintiff by impeding him from knowing the amount of wages
19 Plaintiff was lawfully entitled to receive. At all times relevant herein, Defendants
20 have failed to maintain appropriate records of hours worked by the Plaintiff as
21 required under Labor Code section 1174(d).

22 60. Plaintiff is entitled to seek injunctive relief requiring Defendants to
23 comply with Labor Code sections 226(a) and 1174(d), and further seeks the amount
24 provided under Labor Code sections 226(e) and 1174.5, including the greater of all
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1 actual damages or fifty dollars (\$50) for the initial pay period in which a violation
2 occurs and one hundred dollars (\$100) per employee for each violation in a
3 subsequent pay period.
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5 61. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.

6 **NINTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

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8 **Violation of the Unfair Competition Law**
9 **(Bus. & Prof. Code, §§ 17200)**

10 62. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
11 foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

12 63. Defendants' failure to pay all hourly and overtime wages for non-
13 commute travel time owed, failure to use the appropriate rate of overtime pay for
14 shifts exceeding eight (8) hours of work per day and/or over forty (40) hours in a
15 workweek and twelve (12) in a day, failure to authorize and permit meal and rest
16 periods or pay appropriate compensation in lieu thereof, failure to fully reimburse
17 Plaintiff for all business related expenses constitutes unlawful activity, acts and
18 practices that are prohibited by Business and Professions Code sections 17200, et seq.
19 The actions of Defendants described above constitute false, unfair, fraudulent and
20 deceptive business practices, within the meaning of Business and Professions Code
21 sections 17200, et seq. Defendants have violated multiple provisions of California
22 law and applicable regulations and Orders of the IWC that have the same force and
23 effect of a violation of law. This includes, without limitation California Labor Code
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1 Sections 201-203, 226.7, 512, 1194, and 2802, which serve as statutory predicates for
2 which restitution is owed by Defendant, as well as IWC Wage Orders, and applicable
3 regulations of the California Code of Regulations that relate to record keeping,
4 overtime pay calculations, and failure to properly account for and pay for travel time
5 unrelated to normal commute time.
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8 64. Plaintiff is entitled to restitution and other equitable relief against such
9 unlawful practices in order to prevent future damage, for which there is no adequate
10 remedy at law.

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12 65. As a result of these unlawful acts, Defendants have reaped and continue
13 to reap unfair benefits and illegal profits at the expense of Plaintiff. Defendants
14 should make restitution for these ill-gotten gains to restore to Plaintiff the wrongfully
15 unreimbursed amounts, underpaid wages and overtime pursuant to Business and
16 Professions Code section 17203 and specific performance of payment of penalties
17 ordered under Business and Professions Code section 17202.
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20 66. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based thereon alleges, that
21 Defendants are unjustly enriched through the acts described above and that he
22 suffered irreparable prejudice by Defendants' unfair practices. Further, by engaging
23 in such activities, Defendants are illegally operating at an advantage to other law
24 abiding employers in the State of California, and underpaying payroll and other
25 applicable taxes that are collected by the State and local governmental entities in
26 California.
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1 67. The illegal conduct alleged herein is continuing, and there is no
2 indication that Defendants will not continue such activity into the future. Plaintiff
3 alleges that Defendants will continue to fail to pay all hourly and overtime wages,
4 appropriate overtime rates of pay for shifts where overtime is clearly worked, fail to
5 pay all wages due at termination, and fail to pay and avoid paying appropriate taxes,
6 insurance, and unemployment withholdings.
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9 68. Plaintiff requests relief as described in the Prayer alleged *supra*, herein.

10 **TENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**
11 **Violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act**
12 **(“FLSA”, 29 U.S.C. 201, et seq.)**

13 69. Plaintiff re-alleges and incorporates by this reference each of the
14 foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

15 70. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendants
16 have required collective class members, as part of their employment, to work without
17 receiving the minimum wage for all hours worked, under 29 U.S.C. § 206(a). That
18 section provides the following: “Every employer shall pay to each of his employees
19 who in any workweek is engaged in commerce or in the production of goods for
20 commerce, or is employed in an enterprise engaged in commerce or in the production
21 of goods for commerce, wages at the [minimum wage].”
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25 71. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and thereon alleges, that Defendants
26 have required, or require collective class members, as part of their employment, to
27 work without additional compensation, such as overtime pay, in excess of the forty
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1 hours per week maximum under 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1). That section provides the
2 following: “Except as otherwise provided in this section, no employer shall employ
3 any of his employees for a workweek longer than forty hours unless such employee
4 receives compensation for his employment in excess of the hours above specified at a
5 rate which is not less than one and one-half times the regular rate at which he is
6 employed.”
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9 72. Plaintiff is informed and believes, and based hereon, alleges that
10 Defendants have required and/or require the collective class members, as part of their
11 employment, to work without compensation for all hours worked, to work beyond
12 forty hours per week without the payment of overtime compensation, and/or to work
13 at a wage less than the minimum wage, pursuant to, *inter alia*, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206 and
14 207(a)(1).
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17 73. The FLSA claims are brought not only for alleged overtime violations,
18 but also for alleged off-the-clock and minimum wage violations as well. Indeed, in
19 the performance of his duties for Defendants, Plaintiff and collective class members
20 often did work over forty hours per week, yet did not receive straight or overtime
21 compensation for the work, labor and services they provided to Defendants, as
22 required by the FLSA. The precise number of unpaid overtime hours will be proven
23 at trial. Plaintiff propose to undertake appropriate proceedings to have the collective
24 class members aggrieved by Defendants' unlawful conduct notified of the pendency of
25 this action and given the opportunity to join this action as Plaintiffs, pursuant to 29
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1 U.S.C. § 216(b), by filing written consents to joinder with the Court. Defendants'
2 violations of the FLSA were willful and are ongoing.

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4 74. As a result of the foregoing, Plaintiff seeks judgment against Defendants
5 on his own behalf, and on behalf of those collective class members similarly situated
6 who file written consents to join in this action, for all unpaid wages, including
7 overtime wages owed by Defendants to Plaintiff and the collective class members,
8 pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 206 and 207, together with an award of an additional equal
9 amount as liquidated damages, and costs, interests, and reasonable attorneys' fees,
10 pursuant to, *inter alia*, 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
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13 **VI.**

14 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

15 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff and the class he seeks to represent, pray for relief as
16 follows:
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18 1. That the Court determine that this action may be maintained as a class
19 action;
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21 2. That Plaintiff be appointed the class representative;

22 3. That the attorneys of record for Plaintiff whose names appear in this
23 complaint be appointed class counsel;
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25 4. For unpaid wages at overtime rates for all overtime work and unpaid
26 wages for all work for which they were not paid;

27 5. For such general and special damages as may be appropriate;
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6. For waiting time penalties and civil penalties for all class members no longer in Defendants' employment at the time of Judgment;

7. For pre-judgment interest;

8. For the amounts provided for in Labor Code §§ 226(b), 226.7;

9. For restitution as described in the cause of action under Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.* above;

10. For permanent injunctive and declaratory relief described in the cause of action under Business & Professions Code §§ 17200 *et seq.* above;

11. For penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 2699;

12. For penalties pursuant to Labor Code § 2802;

13. A declaratory judgment that the practices complained of herein are unlawful under California state law;

14. Attorneys' fees and costs of suit, including expert fees pursuant to California Labor Code §§218.5, 1194, and Calif. Code Civ. Proc. §1021.5; and

15. Such other injunctive and equitable relief as the Court may deem proper.

Dated: January 25, 2017

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